The Rubber Factory.

215. *MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Dewan, the Chief Secretary to Government or the Director of Industries visited the Travancore Rubber Factory since its opening; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the dates of such visits?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Dewan visited the Factory on 6-11-1936. The dates of the visits of the other officers have not been recorded.

Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme.

216. *MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the work in the Tunnel Section of the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme has been completed ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know from the Government whether there is anything really wrong with regard to the Power House at Pallivasal ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): A similar question was answered two days ago and I then stated that there was nothing wrong with the Power House. Two generating sets have been installed in it and if there is any the least subsidence or settlement of the foundations of the Power House, it can easily be detected by means of the micro-metre feeler gauge. After the heavy rains of October last, it was discovered that there was a slip on an adjacent hill slope 200 feet away from the site of the Power House. In order to find out whether at any time the foundations of the Power House would be affected, trial borings are now being taken and it appears hard rock has been struck about 15 to 20 feet below. Some protective works will be carried out to ensure perfect safety and that may be sufficient.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Is it the member's opinion that everything is quite alright with regard to the Power House ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Certainly, so far as the information now with Government goes.

Supply of cloth to the Forest Department.

217. *MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Department of Industries had any contract with the Forest Department for the supply of cloth in 1111 ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether it has been executed ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): (*a*) and (*b*) An order for the supply of 31 pieces of turban cloth for foresters and 240 pieces for guards was received by the Textile Expert and executed in the Central Technological Institute.

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